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PRIMARIES the most recent insult, not only to the veterans of the Union army, their wives and widows, but also to American womanhood, is the charge made by the Soldier Haters. Mugwumps that women have married old soldiers with the object of receiving pensions after the death of their husbands.

The pension of a veteran's widow is \$5 a month, less than the average wage of a servant, who receives board, besides, and less than enough to pay board, even at the lowest rate. It is a cruel and absurd reflection upon American womanhood to charge that American women could be found willing to sacrifice themselves for the sake of \$5 a month, contingent upon the death of their husbands.

This insult to soldiers' wives and widows is a piece with the injury to the one-armed and one-legged veterans who are scorned by Democrats and Mugwumps in Congress of cheating the government by making artificial limbs last only three years, when they ought, the critics claim, to last for five years. The pain and inconvenience to be caused to the maimed heroes by being required to stump about with a worn-out artificial limb are of no consequence to men who themselves took care to send substitutes or to escape the draft altogether under the friendly shelter of the British flag. Probably they reason that whatever inconvenience the veterans suffer through "economy" on the part of a Democratic Administration is no more than proper punishment for having gone to the war and helped to put down the Democratic slave labor rebellion.

The dispatches tell us that "Grover in quiet." Well, he can afford to be a little peaceable for awhile, for he's made an "orful" rampus among the animal cages.

OUR IN Kansas they are having more fun than a barrel of monkeys. The Populists, finding they can't rule, appear bent on ruin. Nefarious fellows, they talk of anarchy and centralization.

A new furniture factory has been started at Port Pleasant, W. Va., which employs 150 men.

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CONDENSED NEWS
Gathered From All Parts of the Country by Telegraph.
Twenty-seven lives have been lost owing to deadly gas in the Impensada lead mines, near Caraganes, Spain.
The Washington house last passed a bill making it unlawful to buy, sell or give away, or manufacture cigarettes or cigarette paper.

It is given out that the 837 depositors in Rockefeller & Co.'s broken bank at Wilkesbarre, Pa., will receive about five cents on the dollar.

The Japanese press regulations bill forbids women from publishing newspapers, confining this work to men over twenty-one years old.

The Deutsche Adelsblatt says that Chancellor Von Caprivi is about to announce his engagement to the widow of Col. Lehmann, of Tilsit.

Frank R. Truitt, deputy United States consul general of Mexico and formerly of Williamsport, Pa., died in the City of Mexico from typhus fever.

The pope Friday received eight thousand pilgrims from various parts of Italy, who visited Rome in connection with the Episcopal jubilee of his holiness.

Advices from Japan state that railway projects are now under consideration by the Japanese government, and several surveying parties are now at work.

Dr. Blount, state quarantine inspector at Gloucester, Tex., received a telegram from Dr. Swearingen, Texas health officer, directing him to inspect all trans-Atlantic steamers for cholera.

The special senate committee, appointed to investigate the conduct of the California State Railroad commissioners, has presented its report favoring the removal of the commissioners.

Charges are made by the chamber of commerce that the new silver coins issued by the Peruvian government are illegal. The charges are founded upon the statement that the new coins do not contain the proportion of silver required by law.

Judge Letina, of the court of appeals in Goa, in Portugal, was suspended from the bench for three years and heavily fined for having accepted bribes. The court-convicted he went directly to his room, locked himself in and blew out his brains with a revolver.

In West Virginia wheat in the central sections has not been injured by the cold weather and looks very well. The western sections, however, have been greatly protected by snow and not much injured by cold; the prospects are for a crop below the average by reason of the autumn drought.

According to the last census the area of West Virginia is 24,750 square miles, of which the water surface is 135 and land 24,615 square miles. Randolph county is the largest in the state. The six counties, Fayette, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Nicholas, Pocahontas and Lincoln, comprise about one-fourth of the area of the state.

Frozen to Death.
DENNING, N. M., Feb. 18.—The bodies of Mark and Mary Wilson, freighters employed in hauling ore in the Cook's Peak mining district, were found frozen stiff Thursday. The men had evidently abandoned their team during the blizzard of last Tuesday, and were frozen to death before they could reach shelter.

THE MARKETS.
CINCINNATI, Feb. 18.
FLOUR—Winter patent, \$3.05; fancy, \$3.15; extra, \$3.00; first, \$2.90; second, \$2.80; third, \$2.70; fourth, \$2.60; fifth, \$2.50; sixth, \$2.40; seventh, \$2.30; eighth, \$2.20; ninth, \$2.10; tenth, \$2.00.

WHEAT—Good 3 red, samples, spot, and on a basis of spot at interior points, was taken at 75¢, and freely taken. One car, wanted for milling purpose, and formerly located, brought a premium. No. 2 white, quoted at \$2.75, for prime to choice samples.

CORN—The market was dull and heavy for shelled samples, but was scarce and appeared to hold its own at 45¢ for prime to choice samples. No. 2 white shelled was weak at 45¢, and No. 2 yellow at 44¢.

OATS—The market was heavy and lower prices were accepted. Prime No. 1 white held at 35¢; No. 2 white and No. 2 yellow at 34¢.

RYE—The market was dull and easy. Good No. 1 held at 45¢, with buyers at 44¢, which the sellers finally accepted.

CATTLE—Select butcher, \$4.00; fair to good, \$3.50; common, \$3.00. Hogs: Good to choice heavy, \$4.00; good to choice light, \$3.50; common, \$3.00.

VEAL—Common and large, \$3.00; fair to good light, \$3.50; common, \$3.00.

NEW AND LAMB—Sheep—Yearlings and weaners, \$3.00; extra, \$3.50; fat ewes, \$2.50; lambs—good to choice, \$3.00; common to fair, \$2.50.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.
WHEAT—No. 2 red moderately active; May, \$2.85.

BARLEY—Quiet and firm; state, \$2.80; western, \$2.70; No. 1 Toronto, \$2.80; No. 2, \$2.70.

CORN—No. 2 dull, easy; May, \$1.85; No. 1, \$1.90; No. 2, \$1.75; No. 3, \$1.60.

OATS—No. 2 dull, easy; May, \$1.85; No. 1, \$1.90; No. 2, \$1.75; No. 3, \$1.60.

CATTLE—Market nothing doing; all through consignments.

HOGS—Market slow; Philadelphia, \$3.75; good to choice, \$4.00; common, \$3.50; fat pigs, \$3.00; light pigs, \$2.50.

SHEEP—Market very dull and unchanged. BATTLE CREEK, Feb. 18.

WHEAT—Weak; No. 2 red spot, February, \$2.80; No. 2 red, \$2.75; No. 2 red, \$2.70; No. 2 red, \$2.65.

CORN—Easy; mixed spot and February, \$1.85; No. 2, \$1.80; No. 2, \$1.75; No. 2, \$1.70.

OATS—Easy; No. 2 white, western, \$2.00; No. 2 white, \$1.95; No. 2 white, \$1.90.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, \$2.50; No. 2, \$2.40; No. 2, \$2.30.

WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 cash and February, \$2.80; No. 2 cash, \$2.75; No. 2 cash, \$2.70.

CORN—Dull and steady; No. 2 cash, \$1.85; No. 2 cash, \$1.80; No. 2 cash, \$1.75.

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